The National Consumers League is a private, nonprofit consumer advocacy organization founded in 1899 to identify, protect, represent and advance the economic and social interests of consumers and workers. NCL appreciates the fact that increased competition in telecommunications services can benefit consumers and workers by resulting in more choices for products and services at reduced prices. NCL has generally been supportive of the efforts of Verizon to enter the long distance service market. However, NCL believes that all of the 14-point checklist requirements must be met before entry is approved. Comments by the Pennsylvania